

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 698

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Lieutenant Richard J. Kelly, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those law enforcement professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm, always remaining true to their motto "To protect and serve"; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard J. Kelly, Jr., is one such estimable citizen who has served with distinction for thirty-one years with the Tennessee Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Kelly will soon be taking a much-deserved retirement from a distinguished law enforcement career that has spanned many societal changes and more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kelly has spent his entire career in service of the Tennessee Highway Patrol and has excelled in a variety of assignments, including stints with the Planning Research, Safety Education, and Motorcycle divisions and as a State Trooper patrolling the highways of Davidson and Robertson counties; and

WHEREAS, he has also served two tenures with Capitol Security, and he has been a constant member of our legislative family since 2002; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Lt. Kelly is a graduate of Lane College and holds a Police Science degree from Northwestern University; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kelly expresses his devout faith as a member of Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, he enjoys reading and is an avid motorcyclist; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Lt. Kelly is most appreciative of the love, companionship, and support he shares with his wife, Pearl, and his son, LeRyan; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Richard J. Kelly, Jr., exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Kelly has served with the utmost professionalism and integrity, winning the unqualified respect and admiration of his superiors, his fellow officers, the public, and the members of the General Assembly alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Lieutenant Richard J. Kelly, Jr., exceptional trooper and friend to his community, for this thirty-one years of exemplary service with the Tennessee Highway Patrol, thank him for his bravery and dedication, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.